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INFO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT LOUIS 0797

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR CE MP

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SRI LANKA FINANCE MINISTER PERERA

REF: COLOMBO 2566

1. PRESS REPORTING OF PERERA VISIT PORT LOUIS SEPTEMBER 14  
16 EMPHASIZED POSSIBLE INCREASED COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THE TWO COUNTRIES AND DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION. PERERA  
CALLED FOR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION THROUGH THEIR AMBASSADORS  
IN INDIA, AND A BILATERAL COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT. THE MINISTER  
SAID THAT SRI LANKA IS IN SERIOUS DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING  
SUGAR AND HOPES TO OBTAIN GREATER PART OF ITS YEARLY SUGAR  
CONSUMPTION OF 100,000 TONS FROM MAURITIUS.

2. PRESS ALSO NOTED THAT PERERA IS IN FAVOR OF INDIAN OCEAN  
ZONE OF PEACE AND HAD DISCUSSED IOPZ WITH PRIME MINISTER  
RAMGOOLAM.

3. COMMENT: PRIOR TO PM'S SEPTEMBER 14 DINNER FOR PERERA  
AND VISITING CPR SUGAR EXPERT TEAM I INFORMED RAMGOOLAM OF  
AMBASSADOR VAN HOLLEN'S PERSONAL PROTEST AGAINST UNWARRANTED  
ATTACK ON US BY PERERA AT COLOMBO COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARIANS  
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CONFERENCE, NOTING I WOULD ATTEND DINNER ONLY BECAUSE CPR

TEAM WAS CO-GUEST OF HONOR. RAMGOOLAM SAID HE UNDERSTOOD  
OUR FEELINGS, AND APPRECIATED MY ATTENDANCE. WHETHER THIS  
HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT OR NOT, NEITHER RAMGOOLAM NOR  
PERERA MADE ANY WAVES IN PUBLIC OVER DIEGO.  
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